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SUBJECT UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT MEDIA REACTION

1. THE CHRISTCHURCH "PRESS" IN ITS SECOND EDITORIAL ON JUNE 9 COMMENTED UNDER THE HEADING "SMALL HOPE FOR DISARMAMENT":
2. "THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT IS NOT PRODUCING MUCH OF MOMENT. POLEMICS ABOUND; BUT IF THE PRESENT TRENDS ARE CONTINUED THE WORLD WILL NOT BE ONE WHIT SAFER WHEN THE FIVE WEEK SESSION IS OVER."
3. PAPER THOUGHT THAT THE "TIMING OF THE SESSION" WAS BAD BECAUSE IT CONINCIDED WITH SALT AND THE "INCREASING CONCERN ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS AND ABOUT SOVIET ACTIVITY IN AFRICA." ADDED THAT THE LATEST POSITION OF PRESIDENT CARTER IS "TO OFFER THE SOVIET UNION EITHER DETENTE OR CONFRONTATION," WHICH WILL "OVERSHADOW ANY MOVES IN THE U.N."
4. EDITORIAL SAID THAT "HOPEFUL ASPECTS" WERE PROVIDED

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BY CANADA AND FRANCE. CANADA WAS FIRST COUNTRY "TO DIVEST ITSELF OF NUCLEAR ARMS" AND FRANCE PRESENTED A NEW PROGRAM IN THE "ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL SATELLITE AGENCY" TO VERIFY ARMS STOCKS.

4. IN CONCLUSION, THE EDITORIAL STATED: "THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE DISARMAMENT TALKS MAY BE NO MORE THAN AN

EXPRESSION OF A WILL TO DISARM. ALTHOUGH THIS WILL
NOT DO MUCH TO FURTHER THE ACT OF DISARMAMENT, IT SUGGESTS
THAT INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ARE NOT ALWAYS AS BAD AS THEY
MIGHT SEEM. SMALL AS THAT ACHIEVEMENT MIGHT SEEM IT IS
MUCH BETTER THAN HAVING THE SESSION IN NEW YORK BREAK
DOWN ENTIRELY." ANDERSON

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